

Appl. No. 10/743,444
Paper dated June 20, 2008
Reply to Notice of Allowance dated June 13, 2008

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 and MPEP § 714.16. A Notice of Allowance was issued by the United States Patent & Trademark Office (“USPTO”) on June 13, 2008. The issue fee payment is due September 15, 2008, and has ***not*** yet been paid.

By this paper, the specification is amended to comply with a matter of form raised in the Notice of Allowance. Specifically, the abstract was deemed to span two paragraphs. It has now been amended into a single-paragraph format. This amendment is needed to aid clarity, would not require additional search or examination, and would not adversely affect the patentability of allowed claims. Entry of these amendments is believed to be appropriate and is requested.

Applicant notes, however, that the abstract has been amended to enable the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the public generally to determine quickly from a cursory inspection the nature and gist of the technical disclosure and to aid indexing, classifying and searching. 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b); MPEP § 606.01. These amendments are ***not*** intended to narrow, limit, alter or otherwise characterize what Applicant regards as the invention. It is, of course, the claims and not the title or abstract that defines the invention being claimed.

In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

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THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1948-4830.

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